

Egremont Agricultural Commission

July 24, 2015

Attending: Carla Turner, Peter Maggio, Andre Vankov, Elizabeth Keen

Meeting begins at 7:07.

1. Meeting minutes from May approved.
2. Elizabeth did not write newsletter on composting as the new MA regulations on composting don't seem to apply to anyone in southern Berkshire County.
3. Brochures have been put out for this summer. There are no more in town hall and some commission members still have some. We have decided that a new brochure might be outdated and we would like to do something else to promote Egremont agriculture. We talked of the blue road signs that farms can get to promote their own farms. We talked of putting a website address on our Right to Farm signs that linked to a cool website. We will brain storm next meeting.
4. Andre will be the secretary while Elizabeth is away.
5. The GB Summerfest committee is inviting Agricultural Commissions to be a part of the event in August at Butternut. We will decline to have a booth at this event.
6. John Root inquired with Carla about promoting an organic gardening workshop in Egremont next spring. Carla will request a written proposal so we know exactly what he is asking. We need more information to make a decision.
7. The Massachusetts Association of Ag. Comms is having a Boot Camp for AG. Comms in Northeastern, MA next Monday. Seems like a worthy event, but none of us are able to go.
8. Carla will ask Peter Westover if we are still on mailing list.
9. Peter Maggio mentioned the conflict they are having with the Appalachian Trail Committee and the proposed building of a parking lot on conserved land. There is a meeting on Monday July 27th to continue the conversation at the planning board meeting.
10. Elizabeth will write a brief newsletter on happenings.
11. Next meeting will be Thursday October 22, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07.

Elizabeth Keen